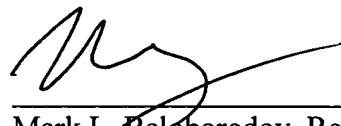


**REMARKS**

Applicant filed this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/611,024 filed July 6, 2000 (the "parent application"). Applicant hereby cancels claims 2-38, originally filed in the parent application, without prejudice, and intends to file a third preliminary amendment introducing additional claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned prior to examining the application if the third preliminary amendment has not been filed by then.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 28, 2004, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$900.00 for payment of the filing fees in total amount of \$770.00 and for payment of the late filing surcharge of \$130.00 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e). Applicant believes that in view of cancellation of claims 2-34, no extra-claims fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531 for any additional fees, including extension fee, that may be due in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Beloborodov, Reg. No. 50,773  
Attorney for Applicant  
Testa, Hurwitz, & Thibeault, LLP  
High Street Tower  
125 High Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Date: August 27, 2004

Tel. No.: (617) 248-7453  
Fax No.: (617) 248-7100

3111243